

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. AYANNA PRESSLEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 30, 2022

Ms. PRESSLEY. Madam Speaker, I was unable to physically record my vote on H.R. 9640. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 539.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEPHANIE N. MURPHY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 30, 2022

Mrs. MURPHY of Florida. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on Roll Call Nos. 492 through 499 on December 1, 2022. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call. Nos. 492 through 499.

HONORING HOUSTON PRITCHETT

HON. RASHIDA TLAI

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 30, 2022

Ms. TLAI. Madam Speaker, today I want to recognize Houston Pritchett, a veteran of World War II and long-time resident of Detroit in Michigan's 13th District Strong, as his accomplishments are recognized by the Veterans Administration.

In 1944, Mr. Pritchett served in the Philippines and was assigned to be a motor mechanic, "I was supposed to be a motor mechanic, and I couldn't even drive," he said.

By the time the war was over, Houston could drive. He came home to Detroit and went to work for Ford. When Pritchett was about 80, he went to a seniors' gathering.

Please join me in recognizing Houston Pritchett's outstanding contributions to the communities of Detroit and Michigan's 13th District Strong.

HONORING COURTNEY STEVENS' SERVICE TO MISSISSIPPI

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 30, 2022

Mr. PALAZZO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize my Chief of Staff, Courtney Stevens. Courtney joined my legislative staff in Washington, D.C. in 2019. She was hired as

a Senior Legislative Assistant and immediately displayed her aptitude with the Appropriations process and delivering district wins, resulting in a promotion to Legislative Director. In addition to her legislative portfolio, Courtney took on managing staff and running the day-to-day of the D.C. office and earned a promotion to Deputy Chief of Staff at the beginning of 2022. A few months later, I was glad to name her my Chief of Staff, given her commitment to my office, Mississippi, and public service.

Courtney is a native of Northern Virginia. She graduated from James Madison University, earning a Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing and a European Studies minor from the University of Antwerp. After college graduation, she knew her major wasn't her passion and leaned on her favorite experience—a Capitol Hill internship she did for two summers in high school for Congressman PETE SESSIONS.

Courtney's career on the Hill started with an offer to join the Senate Appropriations Committee under the Leadership of the late Senator Thad Cochran, the senior Senator from Mississippi. During her time there, she built relationships and absorbed information from the pillars of the Committee. Courtney did what was needed, from planning Committee Christmas parties to working on both the Legislative Branch and Labor, Health and Human Services subcommittees.

During the 114th Congress, the Committee Staff Director nominated Courtney for the Emerging Congressional Staff Leadership Program through the Stennis Center for Public Service Leadership. Additionally, she was selected to participate in educational programs through the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars and the MIT Security Studies program. The House Office of Interparliamentary Affairs chose her to join the 2022 Congress-Bundestag/Bundesrat Staff Exchange. And most recently, Courtney was nominated and then picked by Republican Leadership to join the first-ever Level Up—Future Chiefs of Staff course created by Republican House Leadership.

Courtney's diverse professional experience has been key to my success as she supported me and my Appropriations subcommittee assignments. She took on an array of district issues, such as working with USACE during the extended opening of the Bonnet Carré Spillway and ensuring NASA continued its commitment to Stennis Space Center with the "Green Run" test for SLS. She learned about the U.S. Coast Guard's missions, the situation at the southwest border, and how to work with NOAA and state agencies to extend red snapper season for the Gulf Coast. Courtney sorted through and prioritized my office's community-funded project submissions, which resulted in \$32.2 million in direct funds for projects across South Mississippi in fiscal year 2022 and \$22.2 million in fiscal year 2023.

While Courtney prepares for the next steps of her career on the House Appropriations Committee, it is my honor to recognize her

public service to the Fourth Congressional District and all Mississippi constituents. I wish Courtney the very best.

IN MEMORY OF ONASSIS "ONI" TAMAYO YUMUL

HON. ALAN S. LOWENTHAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 30, 2022

Mr. LOWENTHAL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak about the life and memory of my constituent Onassis Tamayo Yumul, known by most as simply Oni, and to celebrate his life.

Oni was born on a cold Saturday night, on May 10, 1975, in Quezon City, Philippines. The youngest of five children, he was the apple of his parent's eyes, and he was doted on by everyone, especially his paternal grandmother. He was a quiet boy who loved to play with his Legos and as early as 4 years old he began to express creative artistic skills.

Growing up, Oni made a lot of friends, both his age and older, due to his easy-going attitude in life. He liked to enjoy life as much as he could with what he was given. He received a Catholic school education and was active in a religious organization called "Days With The Lord."

Oni began his work career with his family's business, expressing his creative skills designing furniture. His impressive aptitude of the arts earned several awards in school leading to his graduating with a Bachelor's Degree in Fine Arts, majoring in Advertising. Oni landed his first professional job as a compositor and graphic designer for the largest media company in the Philippines, ABS-CBN. Due to the recognition of his work at the station, he soon earned a Creative Director role for a travelogue where he was able to use all of his talents in arts, video editing and post-production.

In 2013, Oni joined his three sisters and moved to the United States. He was married shortly thereafter to Jeff LeTourneau, a long-time LGBTQ and Democratic Party activist. For approximately the next 8 years, Oni was active as a member of Men Alive, the Orange County Gay Men's Chorus, while working with his husband for LGBTQ rights at the state and local levels. Professionally, Oni continued his professional career as the Marketing Director of the Bicycle Hotel and Casino in Bell Gardens where he was loved and respected by his many co-workers.

Sadly, Oni passed away on December 1, 2022 after a long battle with colon cancer. He was loved and respected by his husband, family members, friends and co-workers. The world is certainly a lesser place without him and he will be missed by all who had the honor of knowing him.

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